



Life is full of big decisions. Now

here's another one. Starting Jan. 1, 2006, Medicare will help pay for the prescription drugs you need to stay healthy. Imagine how much peace of mind that'll bring, both right now and in years to come.

Everyone with Medicare is eligible for this coverage, regardless of income and resources, health status or current prescription expenses. But to get it, you need to compare plans and decide on one that works for you.

Your *Medicare & You 2006* handbook has step-by-step instructions on what

to do. Free help, if you need it,

is available. Just call 1-800-MEDICARE, visit www.medicare.gov, or contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program or local office on aging.

The last day to sign up without paying a penalty is May 15, 2006. But why wait that long? Sign up before December 31, 2005 and enjoy the peace of mind of Medicare's new prescription drug coverage the very first day of the New Year.

It's one decision that could change your life in lots of good ways.

Help is Here **24/7**

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